Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the Listing of Claims below. This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus for communicating with a plurality of information processing apparatuses through a network, the data processing apparatus comprising:

storing means for storing a condition for transitioning a state of supplying power of a power source unit to each device in the data processing apparatus;

examining means for examining that a process application software that has a specific process name is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses through the network; and

power control means for controlling the state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device based on the result of the [[process]] examination and the condition stored by the storing means.

- 2. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the examining means examines the process application software in accordance with user-defined parameters.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the user-defined parameters include whether the process application software is active.
 - 4. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the examining means examines a load average of the process application software, and

wherein the power control means controls the power supply state based on the results of the [[process]] examination of the load average.

- 5. (Original) A data processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the user-defined parameters are set on a per examination processing apparatus basis.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the power control means limits the power supply state to each device from the power supply unit to shift to a sleep mode based on the results of examination of a plurality of process application software provided by the examining means.
- 7. (Original) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data processing apparatus comprises an image forming device.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A power control method for a data processing apparatus including, a power source unit for supplying power required to form images, for communicating with a plurality of information processing apparatuses through a network, the power control method comprising the steps of:

examining that a process application software that has a specific process name is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses through the network; and

controlling a state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device in the data process apparatus based on the result of the [[process]] examination and a condition for transitioning the state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device.

- 9. (Currently Amended) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the examining step includes examining the <u>process</u> <u>application software</u> in accordance with user-defined parameters.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A power control method according to claim 9, wherein the user-defined parameters include whether the process application software is active.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the examining step comprises examining a load average of the process application software, and

wherein the power control step comprises controlling the power supply state based on the results of the [[process]] examination containing the process examination of the load average.

- 12. (Original) A power control method according to claim 9, wherein the user-defined parameters are set on a per examination processing apparatus basis.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the power control step comprises limiting the power supply state to each device from the power supply unit to shift to a sleep mode based on the results of examination of a plurality of process application software provided in the examining step.
- 14. (Original) A power control method according to claim 8, wherein the data processing apparatus comprises an image forming device.
 - 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing, in a computer readable form, a computer program of a data processing apparatus including, a power source unit for supplying power required to form images, for communicating with a plurality of information processing apparatuses through a network, the computer program comprising:

program code for executing the steps of examining that a process application software that has a specific process name is running on each of the plurality of information processing apparatuses through the network; and

program code for controlling a state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device in the data processing apparatus based on the result of the [[process]] examination and a condition for transitioning the state of supplying power of the power source unit to each device.

17-26. (Canceled)